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“Alleyway Fire Hazards”

Many alleyways in Flagstaff are choked with overgrown grass, weeds, small trees and other debris creating conditions that could facilitate the spread of a wildfire and affect numerous homes. These conditions impede access for fire crews which may utilize these alleys in an emergency. Although fences may only extend to the edge of an alley, property lines typically extend to the middle. Most alleyways are not owned by the City of Flagstaff and are merely easements through property owned by the adjacent homeowners. It is the responsibility of each homeowner backing an alley to maintain these areas clear of overgrown weeds, brush, garbage and other debris.

This year we ask that you consider the risk of wildfire and the impact to your property and the greater Flagstaff community. We have the opportunity to take action now to mitigate this hazard without the threat of rapid-approaching fire. We urge you to act now, and not wait until wildfire returns.

For more information on how your neighborhood can become a Firewise Community or what you can do to protect your property, contact the Fire Department at 556-1207. For more information visit: www.flagstaff.az.gov/fuelmanagement.